jects & Development India Ltd. (PDIL), a public sector undertaking, on chargeable basis.

(c) FCI is already implementing Phase-I of revamp of Sindri Unit including captive power plant at a cost of Rs. 16.23 crores. An amount of Rs. 3.3 crores has already been spent. FCI has also sent a proposal to Government for setting up of a new captive power plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 142.64 crores.

Payment of Wages to Workers of IDPL

*596. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Financial Express dated 31st July, 1992 captioned "IDPL has no funds to pay wages" for the month of July payable in August, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that a Committee of Secretaries (COS) which met last year had recommended enhancement guarantees by the Central Government in favour of the IDPL workers to help the company to avail of more cash credit to sustain its current operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken on COS's recommendations so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited has, despite severe constraints of working capital, paid the wages and salaries to its workers and employees for July payable in August, 1992.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have yet to take a final view on the question of enhanced guarantee.

Manufacture of 6000 H.P. A.C. Locomotives by BHEL

*597. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is proposing to manufacture 6000 H.P., A.C. locomotives for Indian Railways;

(b) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has approached the Asea Brown Boveri of Switzerland for technology transfer in this respect; and

(c) if so, when is the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited likely to commence manufacture of these locomotives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) BHEL had approached a number of foreign manufacturers including ABB in 1987 for obtaining know-how for the manufacture of 6000 HP AC locomotives. However, only M/s Hitachi responded favourably.

BHEL can undertake manufacture of 6000 HP AC locomotives upon receipt of orders from the Indian Railways.

Upgradation of TV Transmitters in Orissa

*598. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTRAY:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from Govern-